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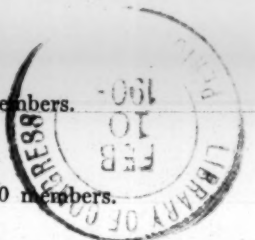


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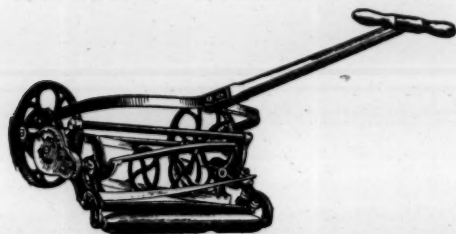
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EDITORIAL

FEBRUARY finds all clubs working at full speed on their various plans. Even the most indifferent and lethargic of organizations must show some activity now or be counted among the defunct and disbanded. For this reason, each year in February *The Keystone* has made a plea for the celebration of a Reciprocity Day in every club's program. Let the exercise take any form whatsoever, but let the clubs recall to mind the fact that the main purpose of the club movement is mutual helpfulness, and then the idea of reciprocity will appeal to them with convincing force.

Every individual club can carry out the reciprocity idea by co-operating with the manager of their State column in their official organ, *The Keystone*, by sending her notes in regard to work accomplished or planned by them. And again, every club woman can develop a reciprocity spirit by reading what has been arranged by these respective managers for the information of all club women. Knowledge of work planned and work accomplished by one's fellow club workers is a great incentive to activity among clubs, and for this reason the reciprocity idea strengthens and encourages the workers to renewed and continued effort for the club's purposes in life. Let the torch of reciprocity pass from hand to hand, sending a message to the very outposts of the club world.

Club women in South Carolina are reminded that now is the time to work for the passage of their bill for a Free Traveling Library Commission for South Carolina. The Federation Library Chairman, Mrs. L. T. Nichols, Chester, S. C., will give advice on the subject if requested. The Federation is also pledged to work for a liberal appropriation for the State Industrial School for Wayward Boys. That youthful delinquents do not belong to the criminal class has been impressed upon the General Assembly to such an extent that it has authorized the establishment of a State Industrial School for Boys. Now let the club women continue to press the matter upon their attention until they provide sufficiently for the maintenance of this school. Money cannot be more economically expended by the State than in saving delinquent children from a life of crime.

DISTRICT NURSING is one form of philanthropy which brings about the greatest amount of relief to the sick poor with the least expenditure of charitable funds. This work is engaging the attention of women's clubs and societies in the South, and in every case they seem to have been successful in its management. In this issue of *The Keystone* will be found an account of this work as conducted by the Ladies' Benevolent Society, Charleston, S. C. (see page 9), and the Van Dyke League, Lynchburg, Va. (see page 7). The Civic League of Sumter, S. C., is also managing a visiting nurse; and the hearty co-operation of the medical profession and the public in promoting the interests of such a charity are proofs positive of its usefulness in relief work.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION for women is being constantly fostered by women's organizations. The Baltimore Association for the Promotion of the University Education of Women again offers a fellowship, available for study in an American or European university in 1908-'09. As a rule, this fellowship is awarded to candidates who have done one or two years of graduate work, preference being given to women from Maryland and the South. Blank forms of application may be obtained from any member of the committee on award, and all applications must be in the hands of the chairman of the committee on award, Dr. Mary Sherwood, The Arundel, Baltimore, Md., before March 20, 1908. The successful candidate for this fellowship in 1908 was Miss Florence Lewis, of the University of Texas, whose scholastic attainments were published in the January *Keystone*. She is using this fellowship this year as a graduate student in mathematics at the Johns Hopkins. A vital interest in education in the South is one of the immediate results of its recent era of great material prosperity, and the women of the South, in their various patriotic, literary and philanthropic clubs and societies, are bending every effort toward the fostering of this interest and the providing of means for the attainment of the best educational advantages for the youth of today. This fellowship is one of the greatest incentives to advanced university work among the young womanhood of the South and stimulates them to renewed effort along lines of academic training.

THE AMERICAN FREE ART LEAGUE will present a bill to the Sixtieth Congress for the removal of import duty on works of art. Every one working for the development of the artistic sense in American life should be interested in the passage of this bill. In this day of traveling art galleries, appropriations for municipal museums and such a widespread interest in literature on art, the American masses are making an eager response to the ennobling influence of the fine arts. In no sense of the word can works of art be considered competitive, for there could not possibly be any competition between a painting by Rembrandt and one by a modern American artist, so that a tariff on works of art is inconsistent with the theory upon which the tariff law is based. In fact, free art would develop a love and appreciation of the fine arts and increase the demand for good art. This bill offered by the American Free Art Association should receive the attention and hearty co-operation of all chairmen of art departments of the various federations of women's clubs. Congress is now in session, and these chairmen should exert their best efforts in bringing every influence to bear on their respective Congressmen and Senators in behalf of the passage of a bill which will be of inestimable service in the upbuilding of American art.

THE women of North Carolina are working for a scholarship at the old Moravian Academy at Winston-Salem, to be known as "*The Mrs. Stonewall Jackson Scholarship*." The Daughters of the Confederacy and the club women of the *Old North State* have indorsed this movement and are united in their efforts in its behalf. In this issue of *The Keystone* (page 9), a full account of the plan for the establishment of this scholarship is given, and it is hoped that within a short time this laudable endeavor may be accomplished.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry, S. C., Corresponding Secretary S. C. F. W., Manager.

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(70 Clubs—4,760 Members.)

TO THE CLUBS OF SOUTH CAROLINA: READ THIS AT YOUR NEXT MEETING AND SEND some reply or acknowledgment to the chairman by MARCH 10TH. Let every club's name be enrolled by this department by this date.

The Literature and Reciprocity Department of the South Carolina Federation claims your special attention this month. This department was enlarged at Orangeburg to include literature as well as reciprocity, and a literary session will be conducted by its chairman at the Greenville Convention in April. With this program in view each club is requested to send *one paper* to the chairman by *March 10th* to compete for a place on that program. The chairman and her committee will select *three* papers from those submitted, and these will make up the program for the literary session. Every club can aid in this matter, as no specific subject has been assigned by the committee, with the idea that each club will send *its best paper*, and from these the department will be able to judge what is the tendency of club papers in South Carolina, and will then be better able to provide for their needs. All papers not used on the program will be acknowledged in *The Keystone*, filed in the bureau and be kept for exchange among clubs to be used in Reciprocity Day celebrations.

LITERARY CLUBS are reminded that this department is ready to help and advise in regard to club programs.

CHAIRMEN OF DEPARTMENTS in the federation are requested to file an outline of their requests to the clubs with the Reciprocity Bureau before March 10th. These outlines will be printed in the South Carolina column in *The Keystons*.

INDIVIDUAL CLUBS are reminded that the reciprocity division of this department has 75 MS. papers and 150 year books on file for exchange among clubs on the receipt of *ten cents for postage*. These are loaned for two weeks. Last year we successfully answered fifty appeals by lending out 202 MSS. and year books. Fifty-six new year books and papers were received in 1907. Clubs are requested to continue to send the bureau two of their year books as soon as printed. If they will also send the paper as requested for the literary session the reciprocity idea will be assisted in a material way. All year books as well as papers will be acknowledged in the reciprocity column of *The Keystone*; clubs are urged to consult this column and keep in touch with what has been filed for loan. In printing their programs clubs will *be sure* and print the name of the club, the

name of the town and the name of *the subject for study* for that year on the *outside* of their programs. This facilitates filing, makes the program more useful and will cause it to last longer.

CLUB RECIPROCITY COMMITTEES are requested to: First, read the South Carolina column each month as it appears in *The Keystone*, to their clubs in open session. Second, to send to this department any newspaper or magazine clipping which they may think bears on any one of the departments of this federation—Literature, Art and Handicrafts, Music, Domestic Science, Education, Kindergarten, Civics and Forestry, Library, Civil Service Reform, and Reciprocity. These clippings will be classified by the bureau and sent out to clubs and club women on request. Let these reciprocity committees report on Reciprocity Day in each club: first, how many clippings they have sent the bureau during the year; second, if they have filed the club's year book with the bureau, and, third, what arrangement has been made about the club's donation of a paper for the literary session of the State Convention.

And now clubs of South Carolina, let me ask, "What are you going to do for this higher side of human life?"

Charleston, S. C. MARY B. POPPENHEIM,
Chairman Reciprocity Department S. C. F. W. C.

Committee: Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Charleston; Mrs. W. E. Anderson, Blacksburg; Mrs. James McIntosh, Newberry.

WOMEN OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION: I want to come to each one of you personally with a real personal appeal. You all know of my appointment as head of the State Work of Health for South Carolina, and I am now trying to show you how you can be one of the committee of health for the State and how you can do the work of a committee in your own home. Then I want to ask that you interest others in this work, so that they may take up this personal work in their own homes, so that it will be an endless chain that links each home to every other home in South Carolina and binds them together in one common cause—the cause of the health of themselves and others. Teach them to observe the common laws of hygiene, which it is unnecessary for me to tell you about, for you know them yourself, or your physician can tell you far, far better than I can.

Now, there are going to be many to whom we cannot appeal in this personal way, and if we could it would not influence them. It is true that what one sees in print one always feels is good sound advice; and we must use the newspapers to carry our glad tidings to the poor consumptive. Let us impress upon his mind that his case is not hopeless, but that he can be cured. We must teach him by sending to him printed directions that show how he may cure himself and be no more a menace to his loved ones.

To place these directions within his ken will take money, and this is what we have not—not one cent. The expenses of the printing and postage have had to be borne personally, or by the assistance of kind friends. Now, I want to ask

that you ladies who are personally interested in this work send me some amount to get this work organized. Even the sending out of the letters to the district and county and club chairmen is a burden; for the postage alone is quite an item.

I will have to beg your pardon for passing around the hat before I ever amused you; but I know that when you realize the need you will be only too glad to drop a small sum into the hat to pay the fiddler.

Sumter, S. C. MRS. HERBERT WHARTON BEALL,
Chairman Department of Health, S. C. F. W. C.

THE COMMITTEE appointed to secure a suitable badge for the South Carolina Federation—Miss Eola Willis, Charleston, chairman; Mrs. J. M. Visanska, Charleston, and Mrs. W. B. Burney, Columbia—report that one of their designs was accepted by the board of directors' meeting in Columbia October 31st. This badge was designed by Miss Willis and submitted to her committee for approval. As Messrs. Stephen Thomas, Jr., & Bro., Charleston, made the lowest terms, the chairman gave them this design, from which a jeweler's working design was made. The badge is a circle with foundation of silver, the outer rim blue enamel and the inner one white, upon which, in gold lettering, are the words, "*South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.*" In the center is a palmetto tree in silver gilt. The price of the pin is \$1.00, and it is well worth it. Under the contract the federation agrees to guarantee \$500—and the order has been given, and the badges will soon be ready for distribution. Mr. Thomas will keep a special book for the federation, and asks that orders will be sent in as soon as possible. Address all orders to Stephen Thomas, Jr., & Bro., 257 King Street, Charleston, S. C. Each club must send its orders through its president or secretary direct to the jewelers, sending the name of the club and the name of member ordering on a separate piece of paper, duplicating the order in the letter. The name of city or town must be written plainly. Expressage will be prepaid by the jewelers on ten badges or more ordered at one time; less than this number must be paid for by the member ordering. It will assist the jewelers if on the outside of every envelope containing a check or money order, under the sender's name in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope, be written "*Federation Badge.*"

EOLA WILLIS, Chairman.

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for Mississippi to Mrs. Anthony Fly, McComb City, Manager.

President—Mrs. W. P. Mills, McComb City.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Daisy B. Lamkin, Frair's Point.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. F. Andre, Crystal Springs.
(36 Clubs.)

THE THURSDAY CLUB, of Holly Springs, through its corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. C. Neill, Jr., reports a live and active membership of fifty. They are studying the history of the Netherlands and Belgium. The other officers for the year are Miss Lizzie Craft, president, and Mrs. Esther Seesel, recording secretary.

THE FLORAL CLUB, of Crystal Springs, is doing good work in their study course of three Shakespearean plays and lives of eminent Americans. Their last chrysanthemum

exhibit in November was a social and financial success. At the annual election Mmes. C. H. Huber and Ruby L. Muse were chosen to serve a second term as president and secretary, respectively. The initial meeting of the new year, at the home of the president, presented an entertaining program, which was followed by refreshments. Each guest was asked to give a resolution for the year. The club is planning for a reception early in February.

MRS. DAVID COHN, president of "The Climbers," of Brookhaven, reports this club as studying the Bay View course on England. They are particularly gratified at the public endorsement of the club's activities as evinced by the sale of 184 tickets to the first of a series of lectures. The literary clubs of the town have been offered rooms in the town library in recognition of their support. The officers are: Mrs. Oscar Newton, Jr., president; Miss Meta Smith, secretary and treasurer, and Miss Mary Hobbs, reporter.

THE CHAMINADE CLUB, of Jackson, through Mrs. Lily Wilkinson Thompson, corresponding secretary, sends the following:

Our idea is to stimulate married women to "keep up their their music." I think our announcement will be an interesting item for *The Keystone*. So far as I know the Chaminade Club is the only club in the State, or in the South, which has launched a Matrons' Musical Contest. Mrs. Lily Wilkinson Thompson, Mrs. Annie Mimms Wright, Mrs. Lalla Terrell McDavitt and Miss Marie Henry are members of the State music committee of the Mississippi F. W. C.. In November a public musicale was given, a small admission fee being charged. The fund designed to contribute to the purchase of a musical library to be owned by the club. In December a delightful recital was given by two members, lately returned from the Cincinnati Conservatory, Miss Manning, vocalist, and Miss Burton, violinist. In January the club's birthday was celebrated at a musical soiree held at the home of Mrs. Annie Mimms Wright. At future dates during the year recitals will be given at the Institute for the Blind and at the Methodist and Baptist orphanages. The Chaminade Club, of Jackson, has arranged with the managers of the Mississippi Chautauqua Assembly for a Matrons' Musical Contest, to be given at the next session of the assembly, at Crystal Springs, in July, 1908. The contest is open to married women throughout the State. Two prizes will be given, one for a piano selection, the other for a vocal solo. Piano contestants will play two numbers, of different grades, which will be selected by a committee, each playing the same numbers. Vocalists will select their own numbers. No sight reading will be expected. Those desiring to enter the contest will notify the chairman of the undersigned committee, who will furnish them with further details of the plan.

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Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. S. Frederick, Miami.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Milo McNeal, Ormond.
(25 Clubs—1,100 Members.)

I LEARNED at the late Gainesville Convention that there were fifty-three subscribers to *The Keystone*, our official organ, in Florida. Now I hope to reach at least that number of interested club women with my three-fold message. In order that I may know just how many I do reach, will not each Florida woman who reads these lines, send me just a postal at once, answering my first two requests, briefly stating her willingness to help in her own locality; officers especially taking the initiative?

The State Superintendent of Education, Mr. Holloway, has in an open letter through the press recommended the observance of *Arbor Day* in every school in Florida. Possibly you will say: "Is not that enough? it will be carried on without our aid." Not if some of the principals are like one I knew of in the State.

At the earnest suggestion for an *Arbor Day* in each grade, this was the reply, "Haven't any room to plant trees on this school ground." Now, as there may be others laboring under the same delusion, that *Arbor Day* is only the *planting* of trees, will you not have a committee from your club interview your board, or teachers, assist in arranging a program with suitable music, readings, etc., and encourage the pupils to plant even a shrub at home, to watch its growth and report the next year?

Last year, we noted a most interesting program in the Jacksonville schools.

As a member of the General Federation Civic Committee, I have been asked to urge the co-operation of all club women within my special district, for the holding of an open civic meeting in every city, town and village on March 10th. This same request is being made all over the United States, so that the date may be made a national civic observance for this year at least. We are asked to bring up for discussion and counsel at these meetings the civic betterment of our own locality, also the appointment of artistic and cultured people on a committee to serve without salary, competent to pass upon the suitability of designs for public buildings, drinking fountains, monuments, etc.

No matter how small the place there are surely some citizens who are interested in the condition of the streets, sidewalks, public lighting, parks, etc. In each place it may be something different, but in each one there is surely that something that demands public scrutiny and especial care-taking.

Again, at the Gainesville Convention, the matter of an English scholarship for women, supported by the women of America, was brought forward through a circular letter from Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, and clearly explained by Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, setting forth that by the State's paying one hundred dollars, a Florida girl being a college graduate could enter the competition, and perhaps win the prize of taking a post-graduate course at her choice of Eng-

lish universities. To start the ball rolling, as it were, Miss Poppenheim most generously donated twenty dollars (her traveling expenses to Gainesville) to our Florida Fund, so that we now have only eighty dollars to raise.

Bear in mind that it need not necessarily come from your club treasury or members, if only a committee from the club would formulate the plans. A special silver tea or a musicale might be arranged, so that the public would know the object. If the three or four large clubs would raise five dollars and each of the smaller one \$2.60, that would give the required amount. Perhaps some of you will think "That while there is so much too to be done in Florida on educational lines, it seems not expedient to reach out for European scholarships." In so broad a territory as a State there must be all grades of education to be advanced, and somewhere within our borders there are girls who need and would honor just such a scholarship. If it did not fall to our lot to carry off the prize, we should have simply helped some other woman; and, after all, is not the helpfulness to another the main point.

Cordially yours,

CLARA W. RAYNOR,
President F. F.

THE MEMBERS OF THE LIVE OAK WOMEN'S CLUB are taking great interest in all that pertains to the home. The Library of Home Economics purchased last year is a very instructive set of books, and much useful information is gained by this study. The Bay View course on England is also enjoyed, and the discussion that follows these subjects brings out many personal experiences. The club members are keeping the library open to the public two days in each week. They are planning a book reception, hoping thereby to add many books to the library. The appeals to the City Council for a more rigid enforcement of the law for cleaner streets has had some effect, and we hope there will be an awakening of a civic pride.

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for North Carolina to Miss Gertrude Weil, Goldsboro, N. C., General Federation Secretary, Manager.

President—Miss Margaret Lovell Gibson, Wilmington, N. C.
Recording Secretary—Miss Sallie Simms Kirby, Goldsboro, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Rebecca Cheatham Watkins, Henderson, N. C.
(33 Clubs—1,000 Members.)

THE Recording Secretary apologizes for the delayed appearance of the North Carolina Federation Year Books. At the Wilmington meeting in April blanks were distributed to the representatives of various clubs, requesting that these blanks be filled and sent to the secretary at once. Only a few clubs responded. Nearly every club had to be written to during June and July. During August and September the secretary was away from home, but on her return began to work again on the year books. The printers to whom the work was submitted were very disappointing, so that the secretary finally sent the work to Miss Gibson, who kindly consented to have the books done in Wilmington; and if the books have not been received by the various clubs, they will be in a few days.

The secretary would urge the clubs to be more prompt

in sending the necessary information for the year books. One club sent in the filled blank in December; it was asked for in May.

The secretary hopes the federation will pardon the prolonged delay, and hopes, too, that the blame will not all fall on the secretary.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB of Raleigh announces an attractive series of lectures. Mr. J. Horace McFarland, president of the American Civic Association, makes an address the last of January. During February Prof. Wade R. Brown, of the Baptist University, lectures on the "Development and Growth of the Oratorio;" and Miss Pattie Hill, of Columbia University, gives a lecture under the auspices of the Child Study Department.

THE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT of the Woman's Club of Charlotte has introduced a new feature in their study of the "Famous Novels," of which their course includes eight. Eight members of the department are writing an original novel, each member one chapter, which is read each month, and which is written in the style of the author under consideration. The Treble Clef, the music department of the Charlotte club, has invited the music teachers of the colleges in Charlotte to become honorary members for the year. This department is also organizing a choral, under the leadership of Mrs. Glascox. On December 5th the club held its semi-annual meeting with the teachers of Charlotte. Dr. Bridges gave a talk on "Ethical Training in the Schools," and Mrs. Hook read a paper on "The Brownlee System of Child Training." At a recent meeting it was unanimously voted that the club join the G. F. W. C. This is a step forward and an indication of Charlotte's progressive spirit.

THE CIVIC CLUB of Southern, organized only last season, is very active. Its avowed purpose is the cleaning and beautifying of the town, the planting of trees, the providing of seats in convenient locations, and other similar practical work. The club's report at the annual convention last April described its "Cleaning-up Day," when the members of the club swooped down upon the town with rakes, brooms, hoes, baskets, etc., and at evening left the streets shining like a new tin pan. The Civic Club has reorganized for this year with renewed enthusiasm. Its new plans include the provision of a wagon to remove trash accumulations from stores, and of a man who shall pick up and remove paper and trash from the streets. The club has also appropriated \$25.00 for the purchase of seats.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB of Kinston has opened and is maintaining a night school for the benefit of mill children and others who cannot attend the daily sessions of the graded school. We hope at a future time to give a detailed account of this splendid work of the Kinston women.

AT THE SOLICITATION of the Village Improvement Department of the Goldsboro Woman's Club, a committee from the Board of City Aldermen met with a committee from the club, to discuss plans for organizing a Civic League for the town. It was decided that such an organization, appealing to the interest of all the citizens, would be the best means of improving the condition of the streets. In this organization the Village Improvement Department feels that it will have accomplished much towards broadening the interest in its work.

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for Virginia to Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg, Va., Corresponding Secretary Virginia F. W. C., Manager.

President—Mrs. James R. Kyle, Lynchburg.
Recording Secretary—Miss Bessie Conrad, Winchester.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg.
Treasurer—Mrs. E. S. Ledbeater, Alexandria.
(10 Clubs—500 Members.)

ONE object of this monthly column is to make the Virginia clubs better acquainted with each other; therefore, each month it is attempted to present the work of some individual club or clubs, that by their works they may be known.

THE VAN DYKE LEAGUE of Lynchburg is, so far as we know, unique among women's organizations, though the work it undertakes to do is done in part by cities north, south, east and west. It is essentially a working organization, and its members are from all walks of life. Its motto, "Honest toil is holy service; faithful work is praise and prayer," was taken from Henry Van Dyke's *Toiling of Felix*, a poem dignifying labor, and the name is a tribute to the author who speaks so beautifully of the world's workers. Dr. Van Dyke has written for the league this verse:

"In all the blessings I receive, that make me glad to live,
The sweetest honey in each flower is just the wish to give."

Since its organization in 1904 the League has maintained a self-supporting boarding-house for women wage-earners at a minimum cost to them. Most of the boarders in this house have been factory girls, but all occupations have been represented. The difficulty has been the impossibility of securing a house large enough to furnish suitable quarters.

For one year the League has conducted successfully a down-town coffee room, where League members get food at cost. The good home cooking and attractive rooms have made it many friends among business men and women, and it is a boon to the Randolph-Macon Woman's College and Sweet Briar Institute girls, to say nothing of shoppers from neighboring towns and country. In connection with the coffee room a Woman's Exchange has been conducted with some degree of success.

The League concerns itself with all good works, and has had urgent calls for relief of the sick poor. The visiting nurse seemed the best solution of this problem, so the League appealed successfully to the Council for six hundred dollars toward the support of two trained nurses for Lynchburg, the League making itself responsible for the further maintenance and supervision of this work. These nurses will visit and nurse the sick and teach the poor how to care for their own sick ones.

ON JANUARY 2D the Industrial Education Committee of the Virginia Federation met in Lynchburg at the call of the chairman, Mrs. Fred. M. Beck, of Staunton. Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Eliza D. Baker, Miss Anna L. Jones, of the committee; Mrs. James R. Kyle, president of the Virginia Federation, and, by the courtesy of the chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth Gish, were present. The committee was particularly fortunate in having with them Mrs. Landon R. Dashiell, of Richmond, director of the Citizens' League for School Improvement in

Virginia. Ways and means for interesting the rural schools and citizens of the State in industrial education were discussed, and a most interesting plan devised for executing this work. Mrs. Dashiell feels that the women's clubs can do much by co-operation with the local leagues, and it is cause for congratulation that the way has opened for efforts in connection with the already existing education forces. Mrs. Beck promises a letter to the Virginia club women for next month, in which she will explain the proposed work for industrial education encouragement in our country schools.

Mrs. Dashiell addressed most pleasingly the Woman's Club of Lynchburg on the evening of January 2d, the subject being "The Work of Citizens' Improvement Leagues." Mrs. Dashiell and Mrs. B. B. Mumford have done most admirable work in arousing an interest in education in the State. After the address an informal reception was tendered Mrs. Dashiell.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

President—Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, 1550 Sherman Ave., Denver, Col.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Charles Perkins, 1547 Clinch Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

[The Federation Bulletin, "the official organ" of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, according to agreement at the St. Paul Biennial, sends out to all sectional "official organs" each month advance sheets of the official General Federation News, which it has received for publication. The following are official items for February.]

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MAIL—Letters and verbal inquiries ask this question: "Should the minutes of a State meeting be read and approved at the opening session of the following year?" That is, shall the minutes of 1907 be read to the convention of 1908? Two reasons forbid this—the first, that the assembly of 1908 cannot legally pass upon the actions of the assembly of 1907, not being the same body. The club or federation of whose acts the minutes are a record must hear and approve them. The second reason has no legal point, but is worthy of consideration. It is never a brilliant or stimulating opening of a convention, especially for new members and guests, to have the record of three days' meetings one of the features, because, though minutes are necessary, we shall all admit that they are not thrilling or even entertaining. Let the minutes be read daily during the convention when all present are interested and have knowledge to correct and approve.

Many requests are being received from individuals and States for the placing of "favorite daughters" upon the Biennial program. This is, of course, a difficult proposition for the Chairman of the Program Committee. To represent forty-six State Federations, to bring forward experts and specialists in the respective line of work, and to carefully discuss the business and policies of the General Federation—all this, with six morning and five evening sessions, is one of the problems of the committee. It looks at a glance as if it would, as the old man remarked, take a "Herculaneum" to do it. If there are some disappointments, there is the comforting thought that every federation is represented upon "State Presidents' " evening.

SARAH S. PLATT DECKER.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, through the chairman, Mrs. Shiek, reports six new clubs admitted to the general

federation during December, among them the Woman's Club of De Land, Fla.

THE HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS COMMITTEE, through its chairman, Mrs. Blair, has prepared a program for the practical study of household art, treating the home in detail, from the basement to the attic, and a valuable list of references for reading is appended. This outline is on file in *The Keystone* Reciprocity Bureau, and may be secured upon application.

THE INDUSTRIAL AND CHILD LABOR COMMITTEE, through its chairman, Mrs. Clarence Burns, has prepared a list of books, as suggested, for reading on industrial questions. The list is divided into the following subjects: For historical background, for comparison of existing child labor laws in England and other countries with statutes in the various States of the United States; for study of the physical, moral and mental effects of child labor; industrial conditions of women and children. This list is on file in the Reciprocity Bureau of *The Keystone*, and may be had on application to this Bureau.

THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION reports a generous donation of six books from Mrs. Burns, chairman Industrial and Child Labor Committee, G. F. W. C. They include several books mentioned in Mrs. Burns' suggestions for reading on industrial questions. The Brattleboro Women's Club, Brattleboro, Vt., has donated three new books, and the library Extension Committee, G. F. W. C., eight, on general literature.

The General Federation Directory for 1907 was distributed during the past month. This pamphlet of thirty-eight pages gives statistics in regard to the officers, standing committees, State Federations, and individual clubs in the General Federation. It shows forty-seven State Federations holding membership in the General Federation, representing 303,549 active club women; 722 individual clubs holding direct membership, representing 56,542 active members. In the statistics on the departments, Education leads with 47 State Federations interested, and Civics follows with 41. Among the individual clubs Literature leads with 568 clubs interested, Civics coming second with 504, and Education third with 365.

THE TEXAS FEDERATION, at its Waco meeting, November 17-20, elected Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell, Sequin, Tex., as president. Mrs. Dibrell is well known to Southern women as president of the Texas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and her personal magnetism, tactful ability and warm enthusiasm for all good works eminently fit her for this position. Retiring from the Division presidency in December she assumed the Federation responsibilities and is now busily forming her committees for the coming year. Mrs. Dibrell is also chairman of the Civic Committee of the General Federation, and as such is urging club women generally to celebrate March 10th as an open Civic Day. Southern clubs are much interested in this work, and doubtless Mrs. Dibrell will hear from many of them.

TO THE KEYSTONE: Enclosed please find 50 cents in stamps in payment of my subscription to *The Keystone* for another year. I find it invaluable in keeping me informed of club work in the South. This year I am chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Chicago Woman's Club, and I shall therefore watch with greater interest than ever (if possible) what the Southern women are gaining through legislative action urged by them.

ALICE BRADFORD WILES.
Chicago, Ill., November 26, 1907.

THE KEYSTONE: Enclosed find 50 cents for another year's subscription to your valuable paper, *The Keystone*. I read each number with pleasure and edification.

ANNA L. CLARK,
Chairman Civil Service Reform Committee, G. F. W. C.
Booneville, Mo., December 20, 1907.

THE GENERAL FEDERATION ART GALLERY IN THE SOUTH.—The traveling galleries are making a great record this year. The art committee have three in the field. The third one was placed in our hands by the Chicago Water Color Club December 1st, and is a fine collection of forty-five paintings. This gallery is now in Wisconsin, the Western Gallery in Missouri, and the Eastern Gallery in Florida. If you would kindly give this route in the next *Keystone* I believe it would be helpful to the eastern clubs. This Eastern Gallery is the finest we have ever sent out. It will pass through South Carolina early in January, visiting four towns, then to North Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Kentucky, where twenty-eight towns have asked for the gallery, though I feel sure that the time will not permit of so many, and we hope that several towns will be able to combine and hold the exhibition together in Kentucky. The last stopping place is Ohio, reaching Chicago the first of June. The paintings will then be returned to the artists who have kindly loaned them.

JEAN SHERWOOD,
Chairman.

THE KEYSTONE: Enclosed please find check for 50 cents for the subscription to *The Keystone*. It is worth a great deal more than that, and I read every word of it with greatest interest.

Chicago, Ill., January 9, 1908. JEAN SHERWOOD,
Chairman Art Committee, G. F. W. C.

THE MRS. STONEWALL JACKSON SCHOLARSHIP

ONE day in the spring of 1906 a gentleman stopped the writer on the street, and remarked that he had been thinking for some time that a scholarship ought to be established at Salem Academy and College, in honor of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, one of the most distinguished and best beloved of the alumnae of that institution. His idea was that the necessary funds should be raised by gifts from Mrs. Jackson's friends and admirers, and that so long as she lived Mrs. Jackson herself should name the girl who would enjoy the scholarship. Others were also consulted, and the plan meeting with general approval, the gentleman wrote to Mrs. Jackson, receiving a most appreciative letter in reply.

It happened that the musicians of Winston-Salem were then preparing to give the oratorio *The Creation*, and a suggestion that the proceeds of the concert be given to the scholarship fund was received with favor, and the fund was thereby begun with \$400.00. To this the Alumnae Association of Salem Academy and College added \$100.00, and Mr. H. E. Fries—who started the movement—another \$100.00. A number of circulars were sent out, with some result, among the rest a pledge that \$100.00 in a building and loan series would be carried for the benefit of the fund and paid into it at maturity.

In March, 1907, the writer asked and received permission to lay the matter before the women of North Carolina and the South. Preliminary circulars were sent out, with immediate response, especially from Charlotte, N. C.; and when the State Federation of Women's Clubs met in Wilmington in April, the plan was laid before the Board of Directors. After a full discussion the board decided to recommend that the Federation endorse the movement, and that the President appoint a committee of three to co-operate with the Winston-

Salem committee and the Daughters of the Confederacy. The wish was also expressed that the literary clubs would recognize this as an appropriate altruistic work for them, and give it their financial assistance. The Federation accepted the report of the Board of Directors, and the committee was appointed. In October this committee laid the matter before the North Carolina Division, U. D. C., in convention at Greensboro, and secured their endorsement. The chairman of the Literature Department of the North Carolina State Federation of Women's Clubs has also followed the suggestion of the Board of Directors by especially recommending to the clubs in her department that they make a special effort for the fund in January, 1908.

At present the Treasurer's books show that \$750.00 has been placed in the hands of the Board of Trustees of Salem Academy and College for investment, and there is about \$25.00 in the bank. All expenses for circulars and postage have been paid. In addition to this \$775.00 in hand, there is the \$100.00 referred to above.

No definite limit has been put to the fund, because the scholarship can be made of any size, but the interest on \$5,000.00 will give a girl board and tuition in the regular college course, with a little margin for laboratory fees, etc. If \$6,000.00 can be raised it will be possible to give her one or more extra branches, and these are often of the greatest advantage to a girl who is looking forward to self-support.

The time has now come when it is proper for the committee to make a general appeal for assistance in raising this fund. The ideal step would be for each U. D. C. chapter in the country to send a contribution, unsolicited. It need not be large, but regardless of size it would speak eloquently of the esteem in which Mrs. Jackson is held. Many others, who are not Daughters, have an equal affection for the lady whose name the scholarship is to bear, and their gifts will be equally welcome, and may be sent to the treasurer of the fund, Mr. F. F. Bahnson, Winston-Salem, N. C., or to the writer. A list of all donors is being kept, and will be sent to Mrs. Jackson when the fund is complete. Reports will also be made from time to time in *The Keystone*, and any requests for information will be gladly answered by the undersigned.

ADELAIDE L. FRIES,

Secretary of Winston-Salem Committee on Mrs. Stonewall Jackson Scholarship Fund.

224 Cherry St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

VISITING NURSE WORK IN THE SOUTH

[The Ninety-fifth Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, Charleston, S. C.]

THE FOLLOWING is the annual report of the Superintendent of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, and gives some idea of the work accomplished by this venerable organization organized in 1813:

Ladies: It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our annual meeting. It is gratifying and encouraging when you express your interest by coming to the Anniversary.

The work has gone on smoothly and satisfactorily. It is growing, and I hope we are stronger. The nurse has visited during the year 204 persons; we have assisted besides 94, making a total of 298 whom we have helped through the

nurse with food, fuel, clothing, etc., and occasionally with money.

We have 176 members (7 new ones). We have lost by death 3. Will you kindly rise while I mention their names? Dr. T. S. Grimke, Mrs. George Wagener, Mr. R. G. Chisolm, Through our connection with the Associated Charities Mr. Chisolm became much interested in our work, and we already miss his sympathy, deep interest and liberal support. He is indeed a great loss to us.

Our appeal to the churches to take up a special collection to aid in maintaining the nurse was granted by the First Presbyterian and the Second Presbyterian churches; Huguenot; Bethel Methodist E.; Beth Elohim Congregation; Trinity M. E.; Cannon St. Baptist Mission; St. Luke's Church; St. Barnabas Guild at St. Luke's.

Other churches contributed through their societies: St. Michael's; St. John's Lutheran; St. Andrew's Aid Society; St. Johannes' Dorcas Society; Citadel Square Baptist; Hebrew Benevolent Society; Ladies' S. Society Unitarian; Silver Cross, Happy Workers, Be Not Weary, Samaritan, Who Is My Neighbor, Friend in Need, Golden Rule and Faithful Unto the End Circles; Fuel Society, St. Philip's Church Mission Society; Grace Church Relief Society all our Infants' baskets.

Our pay patients have added materially to our funds. We employ one trained nurse and frequently an under-nurse, often having patients who absolutely require hours, days and even weeks of consecutive care. We rarely employ a second trained nurse, for our resources do not permit it.

We constantly have in view the fight against tuberculosis. Science now gives strong words of hope and cheer to the consumptive, and that change of climate is not always necessary. Often, if taken in hand in time, much can be accomplished at home. One child so threatened, our nurse visited frequently; by her care, watching and good food, the tendency was overcome. With another, a young girl, we assisted a church society to send her to Summerville.

We do long to have it in our power to give the proper and immediate relief when the nurse reports an incipient case of tuberculosis. We dream of the gift of some small country home where the battle can be fought and won. Perhaps it will come some day.

We received a donation of \$100 from the daughter of a former Charlestonian (the donor's name not given); the money to be used for gentlewomen in reduced circumstances. This was a delightful surprise. It was given to eight ladies and most gratefully received.

The board decided to print the Constitution, and with it a fac simile copy of a pamphlet published in 1823. I regret that the list of members up to the present date was not added, as many who were identified with the society are not included, all those from 1823 to 1907 being omitted. We hope in time to complete the list. This little pamphlet can be procured from Mrs. G. E. Gibbon for ten cents.

We received a legacy from Miss Annie Robinson of \$368. The board requested the treasurer to add to it from our funds \$132 in order to buy a \$500 city four-per-cent bond.

The Associated Charities Society continue to assist us materially. Mrs. Annie E. Walker, the secretary, does all in

her power to help us. As a member of our nurse committee she receives all calls for the nurse. The nurse reports to her daily and confers with her. Any case she has investigated and needing attention is taken up.

Our friendly visitors give great assistance and relieve the nurse, thus enabling her to give more time to urgent cases. Their sympathy and comforting words cheer many a heart.

We are indebted to Hurkamp & Co., Messrs. Schwettman, G. W. Aimar & Co., J. R. Read & Co., Louis Cohen & Co., D. W. Ohflandt & Sons, for discount on purchases; to the *News and Courier* and *Evening Post* for many courtesies.

The Hopkins fund, given in 1834, for old free colored persons has an income of \$134; forty-eight old sick infirm negroes have been helped and forty-two loads of wood given to them. It is not equal to the demand.

I thank the Board for their ever courteous and earnest support.

We must express our thanks to all generous friends. We were indeed glad not to be obliged to resort to entertainments; not to be financially harrassed is a boon and gives new strength and stimulus to the Society. Let us, then, give our humble and hearty thanks to God for His blessing and again implore its continuance, praying that in trying to help each other we may in some small way contribute to His glory.

Respectfully

CATHERINE PRIOLEAU RAVENEL.

The Nurses' Committee report at this meeting showed 204 persons visited, 2,100 visits paid; 23 births attended; 14 deaths; an extra nurse employed in ten cases. Anna Banks, colored, the nurse, is conscientious, faithful, efficient and tactful, and is deeply interested in the work. The Loan and Supply Closet Committee reported articles distributed: Food, 233; clothing, 52; stimulants and medicines, 45; soap, 10; nets, 6; sundries, 143; baby baskets and contents, 11.

The following letter from the Medical Society of South Carolina was great encouragement to the society in its work:

DEAR MISS RAVENEL: Your letter relative to the work done by the district nurse of the Ladies' Benevolent Society was read before the Medical Society on July 1, at the regular business meeting, and the work of the nurse was unqualifiedly commended. Every one of the physicians, who had occasion to make use of the nurse, spoke in the highest terms of her services, and a resolution was passed by the society indorsing the work and requesting that the Ladies' Benevolent Society continue in this most estimable charity.

Yours, very sincerely,

J. C. SOSNOWSKI, M. D.,
Secretary of Medical Society of South Carolina.

Charles M. Rees, M. D.; John L. Dawson, M. D.; H. P. Jackson, M. D.; C. P. Aimar, M. D.; William P. Cornell, M. D.; John F. Townsend, M. D.; G. McP. Mood, M. D.; E. P. Jager, M. D.; W. Cyril O'Driscoll, M. D.; T. Grange Simons, M. D.; Robert Wilson, Jr., M. D.; J. Austin Ball, M. D.

Officers for 1908 were elected as follows: Superintendent, Miss C. P. Ravenel; junior superintendent, Mrs. B. F. Alston; secretary, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim; treasurer, Miss E. McP. Ravenel. Board of Managers: Mrs. J. P. K. Bryan, Mrs. Zimmerman Davis, Mrs. W. G. Jeffords, Mrs. E. F. Parker, Mrs. John R. Riggs, Miss S. A. Smyth, Mrs. Arthur Mazyck, Mrs. James Allan, Mrs. A. T. Smythe, Miss M. B. Mure, Mrs. G. E. Gibbon, Mrs. L. L. Cohen, Mrs. Herman Baer, Mrs. Sallie Litschgi, Miss Elizabeth Klinck, Mrs. George S. Holmes.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

President—Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone, Galveston, Texas.
 Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. R. C. Cooley, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Recording Secretary—Mrs. A. L. Dowdell, Opelika, Ala.
 Treasurer—Mrs. L. Eustace Williams, P. O. Box 55, Anchorage, Ky.
 Custodian of Cross—Mrs. L. H. Raines, 408 Duffy Street E., Savannah, Ga.
 (Up-to-date Notes.)

TO THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY: With a change of administration, it seems fitting that your president should extend you a greeting, in which is enclosed a wish that the year 1908 may come full-freighted with blessings to each one of my "Daughters," and a trust that no rude blast will blight your highest hopes or dispel your most comforting realizations. We are a large family, co-workers in a great and glorious cause, so sacred that no inharmonious or discordant note should enter into our deliberations. Your president needs your co-operation and loyal support, and with this the year will yield a rich harvest of patriotic fruition. Remember that upon the unit depends the success of the whole body—a fact felt and emphasized by General Lee when he declared that victory came through "the men behind the guns." Therefore, let every Daughter of the Confederacy take fresh courage and, forgetting self, give her best service to the progress of the work in hand.

We have undertaken the erection of a monument on Shiloh's historic field, where Southern valor never rose to greater height, and where sleep some of our bravest and best. A strong committee with an efficient chairman has this work in charge, and if we "keep the faith," we will soon see the consummation of this great purpose.

Through the efforts of Dr. Samuel E. Lewis, of Washington City, a surgeon in the Confederate Army, a bill was introduced in the Congress of the United States by Senator Joseph B. Foraker providing for an appropriation to care for the graves of Confederate soldiers who had died in Northern prisons. President Roosevelt gave hearty indorsement to this plan, and our Confederate dead in and around Washington, once in neglected graves, are now placed in the Arlington National Cemetery on a commanding site in a beautiful circular plat, tastefully laid off, with center space for a monument, and each grave marked and carefully kept. They sleep in the soil of the home of their great leader—the beloved Lee.

The placing there of these heroic dead is the strongest testimonial of that fraternal love that now cements us as one people and gives to this country a common heritage of valor, courage and patriotism, whether displayed by Northern or Southern soldier. The Confederate Veterans, of Washington had formed an association for the purpose of erecting a monument over these comrades of theirs, but feeling that this work should be speedily done, they sent a representative to the General Convention in Norfolk to ask the Daughters of the Confederacy to take charge and raise the necessary amount to place this crowning tribute to our dead. This sacred trust was accepted, and we will show them that their confidence was not misplaced. To this end, every State where there is an organization of the Daughters of the Confederacy will select a director, whose

duty it shall be to collect funds for this purpose, and a committee in each of these States will assist the director to increase the fund until the Arlington Confederate Monument shall be an assured fact.

Your attention is called to the fact that this year (1908) bears a significance of unusual interest to all Confederate organizations, and to the entire people of the South, as it marks the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of President Jefferson Davis, and it is recommended that a special study of the public and religious life of President Davis, soldier, statesman, scholar and Christian gentleman, shall be introduced into all institutions of learning during the year 1908, and that chapters be urged to place pictures of President Davis and General Lee in the schools, that the youth of our land may have ever before them these two great exemplars of the highest type of American manhood—these two so closely linked in purpose and thought in life, and whose centennial years are in close touch.

Division presidents are requested to make the organization of Children's Auxiliaries a leading feature of their work for the year, as on this training of the children will depend the perpetuity of our organization. Interest the boys in this work that the Sons of Veterans may receive the recruits so much needed in their association.

For the high honor you so freely conferred upon me my warmest appreciation is given, and to the administration of your affairs my best service will always be accorded, with an "eye single" to your interests, and with a keen sense of the responsibility that goes with the position. Your forbearance is asked for all mistakes of the administration, remembering that "to err is human," and rest assured that a loyalty and devotion will be given to their duties by each one of your servants whom you have placed in charge of our General Association.

From so many members of the Daughters of the Confederacy have come gracious words of commendation and congratulation, and for these "flowers placed upon" my lips I am deeply grateful, and can only trust that my service may be worthy of your confidence.

CORNELIA BRANCH STONE,
 President Gen'l U. D. C.

Galveston, Tex., January 4, 1908.

THE TEXAS DIVISION, at its annual convention in Austin, December 3-6, had a splendid meeting. Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell's term of office having expired by constitutional limitation, Miss Kate Daffan, Dallas, Tex., was elected president of the Division. This is a great compliment to Miss Daffan, as it calls her back to the presidency of the Division, which she held in 1903-04. Miss Daffan is active in club work as well as in U. D. C. work, being General Federation Secretary for Texas and president of the Texas Woman's Press Association. The following are the other officers of the Texas Division, elected at Austin: First vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Beatty, Houston; second vice-president, Mrs. Tom Elgin, Marshall; third vice-president, Mrs. T. C. Westbrook, Hearne; fourth vice-president, Mrs. B. B. Throop, Austin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. A. Haswell, Dallas; recording secretary, Mrs. C. L. Hamil, Longview; treasurer, Mrs. M. Wheeler, Victoria; historian, Mrs.

Margaret Watson, Galveston; registrar, Mrs. R. C. Shindler, Nacogdoches; custodian, Miss Mamie Wilson, Austin; recorder of crosses, Mrs. J. L. Hazlett, Hearne; elective members board of directors: Mrs. W. P. Bauch, San Antonio; Mrs. M. A. Zumwalt, Houston; past president, Mrs. D. A. Nun.

STATE CONTRIBUTIONS to the Davis monument have always interested the U. D. C. In a personal letter to the editor of *The Keystone* Mrs. A. B. Hull, ex-president of the Georgia Division, U. D. C., and president of the Savannah Chapter, writes:

Georgia long led in contributions to this (the Davis) monument, and finally came out second only to Virginia, having given \$3,253.71. The charter chapter, of Georgia, Savannah, alone gave \$1,000 to this monument, and I have always been anxious to know if any other one chapter in the U. D. C. gave as much or more.

SOUTH CAROLINA U. D. C. will be interested to know that Miss "Daisy" Hampton was married to Mr. John Randolph Tucker, at the home of her brother, Mr. George McDuffie Hampton, in Columbia, S. C., on November 26th, 1907. As the youngest daughter of South Carolina's great son, Wade Hampton, Miss Hampton will always be held in warmest regard by South Carolina Daughters, who wish for her a future of great happiness and prosperity.

THE attention of all Memorial Women is directed to the following resolution, which was passed by the convention held in the City of Richmond, June 2, 1907:

Be it Resolved, That the Confederate Southern Memorial Association do request Gen. Stephen D. Lee, Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, to issue an order calling attention of the various Confederate organizations, to the approaching centennial of the birth of JEFFERSON DAVIS, the first and only President of the Confederate States of America, which will occur June 3, 1908, and that all be requested to unite and observe the day in a manner appropriate to the important occasion.

In accordance with this resolution the officers and members of all Memorial Associations are called on to assist in having the study of the life and character of JEFFERSON DAVIS introduced into the schools and colleges of their respective States, during the early part of the year, culminating with appropriate exercises on June 3, 1908.

The President is most anxious that a united effort should be made to have the picture of JEFFERSON DAVIS, the distinguished American patriot, soldier, and Christian gentleman, placed in every schoolroom and library in the South on June 3, 1908. This would afford an opportunity to the children of the coming generation to become familiar with his characteristic features and by study be stimulated to emulate the noble and heroic virtues as exemplified in his life.

Let the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of JEFFERSON DAVIS be a red letter day in the South. Let it be the occasion of a grand outpouring of the Southern people, to testify their devotion to the memory of him—the one man who was made to suffer for his people. Let the name of JEFFERSON DAVIS, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, be upon every lip and dwell forever in the hearts of his people.

MRS. W. J. BEHAN, *President*,
Confederated Southern Memorial Association.
New Orleans, La.

SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. August Kohn, Columbia.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. J. Perry, Lancaster.
Treasurer—Miss Mary McMichael, Orangeburg.
Registrar—Mrs. C. E. Graham, Greenville.
Recorder of Crosses—Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Yorkville.
(60 Chapters—2,400 Members.)

THE FOLLOWING are the South Carolina Division Committees for 1908:

SHILOH MONUMENT COMMITTEE—*Director* for South Carolina, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Charleston, S. C.

ARLINGTON MONUMENT COMMITTEE—*Director* for South Carolina, Mrs. T. W. Keitt, Clemson College; Mrs. A. W. Sharpe, Anderson, *Chairman*; Mrs. Jas. A. Burton, Newberry.

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A GOOD COMMITTEE has also been gotten "to promote the study of the life and character of Jefferson Davis," the president, Mrs. Tate, being chairman.

MRS. JAMES A. SCOTT will see to the framing of the bill to be placed before this Legislature asking that it be made a misdemeanor for any one other than the original recipient to wear the Southern Cross of Honor.

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THE RICHMOND CHAPTER, as is their custom, aided by several other chapters, January 3d gave a dinner and Christmas tree to the Veterans at the Soldiers' Home. It is always a great occasion, and the men are loud in their enthusiastic thanks.

WE UNDERSTAND that the sale of "Beauvoir" places the association on the pleasant side of the ledger, with the consciousness also of much pleasure and benefit and cordial hospitality dispensed there during the Exposition.

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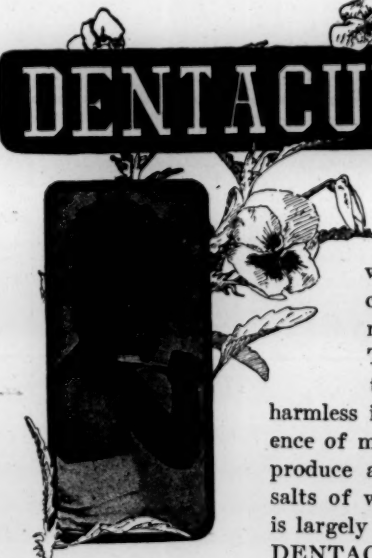
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HELEN DEB. WILLS.

THE DELINEATOR CHILD

THE DELINEATOR Magazine has undertaken a child rescue campaign, to bring about communication between the home that needs a child and the child that needs a home. From time to time they will present specific cases of children needing a home, telling the child's story and showing a photograph of the child. All these children *The Delineator* will offer for you to take into your home, either by the *placing-out system*, where the child is given out without any written instrument, but those responsible for placing it reserve the privilege to visit it in your home; by *indenture*, you signing an agreement binding yourself to give the child a home, clothes and schooling; by *adoption*, the child becoming legally yours. Good, clean, honest homes are what are needed, and there is a demand from the white farm house, the neat city cottage and the home of wealth and culture. The details of the final arrangements will be left in the hands of charitable societies, as certain formalities must be gone through with on both sides. To provide for the needs of *The Delineator* child *The Delineator* has opened a bank account in the name of the "*Delineator Child*," and each reader is invited to contribute one postage stamp, and for each stamp sent by an individual *The Delineator* will add another stamp, and the money thus raised will be used to supply the child with clothing and other articles that may be needed for its new start in life. As soon as one child is placed the bank account will be at the service of the next. *The Delineator* gives the address of the society having each child in charge, to whom you may write, or address "The



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Child Rescue" Department of *The Delineator*. Already one child has been adopted into a good home and negotiations are pending for several others. The series of articles on this subject running in *The Delineator* are most interesting and the plan is one of far-reaching influence in a child rescue campaign.

"MADAM BUTTERFLY"

PUCCINI'S fame as a composer and Henry Savage's reputation as an operatic manager were well sustained by the presentation of *Madame Butterfly* at the Academy of Music in Charleston, S. C., on Dec. 29, large and representative audiences attending the matinee and evening performances. The orchestra of forty pieces had no easy task, as pages of the score were allotted to the instruments alone. Startling effects were obtained by introducing phrases from the "Star Spangled Banner" and bits of true Japanese airs, and the music abounded in beautiful duet passages. Director Dapper was in charge of the orchestra at the night performance, directing in a masterly manner. Graceful and magnetic, with a pure, true and sympathetic voice, and representing a type of Japanese beauty, Miss Strakosch was really "Cho-cho-san,"—"Madame Butterfly." Miss Behnee showed superb talent in the role of the faithful "Susuki," and was on the stage almost continually during the three acts. The flower-song duet sung by those two was one of the most beautiful and harmonious in the opera. Ottley Cranston as "Sharpless" and Vernon Stiles as "Pinkerton" were in good voice and sang their parts most effectively. Mr. Koch as "Gobo" revealed the comic parts of this character with intelligent appreciation. One of the chief charms of this opera as presented by Mr. Savage is its beautiful, artistic stage setting. Every detail was carried out most carefully, and when the curtain first rose on the beautiful harbor of Nagasaki, the quaint Japanese garden, and the fascinating wisteria-covered cottage, the audience was carried away with enthusiasm. Each scene was equally artistic and Japanese. The costumes were most effective, ranging from the dull garb of the servants to the elaborate kimonos of "Madame Butterfly." Southern audiences have learned to recognize Savage's productions whenever advertised as worthy of patronage, and the audiences which greeted the opera throughout the South are proof positive of this appreciation.

CLUB ETIQUETTE

[*The Keystone* has repeatedly been asked questions in regard to club etiquette; to supply this need and to give our readers the benefit of these questions and answers this column will be conducted monthly, and is open for queries from subscribers. When questions involve an answer too long for space in this column a written reply will be sent when a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.]

SANOMA, CONWAY, N. H., asks for a correct form to use in accepting candidates for membership and the manner of declaring the vote.

Answer.—When the candidate is proposed by a member, or by the Membership Committee, the chair announces: "Mrs. — has been proposed for membership in the club, and, according to the Constitution, it is now in order to ballot on this name;" or (if the Constitution does not state by ballot) "to vote on this name." After counting the ballots, or the vote, the chair announces that, "Mrs. — has been elected a member, and the secretary will please notify her of her election;" or "Mrs. — has not been elected." Then take up the next name in order.

F., OF WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., asks: "Have you found any way of making the average woman answer a letter promptly?"

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RECIPROCITY BUREAU

[All programs and papers received by this bureau are acknowledged in this department monthly. These programs and papers are intended for exchange among clubs, and may be secured upon application to "*The Keystone*," when accompanied by return postage.]

The Development of the English Drama.—The New Century Club, Columbia, S. C., 1907-1908.

Outline of Domestic Science Study for Memphis Housekeepers' Club, filed by Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Charleston, S. C.

How to Study Pictures.—The Art Study Club, Jackson, Miss., 1907-1908.

American Literature, Shakespeare (departmental).—The Woman's Club, Jacksonville, Fla., 1907-1908.

Miscellaneous Program.—The Cherokee Club, Cartersville, Ga., 1907-1908.

Farm, Home and School Sanitation, by Haren Metcalf, published by Clemson (S. C.) Agricultural College.

Historic Vicksburg, the story of the campaign, by Capt. W. T. Rigby, chairman of the Vicksburg National Military Park Commission.

Miscellaneous Program.—Conway Woman's Club, Conway, N. H., 1907-1908.

Health Department.—A plan for curing and preventing tuberculosis, by Mrs. Rufus Williams, Chairman General Federation of Women's Clubs.

BOOK REVIEWS

"*The Sorceress of Rome*," by Nathan Gallizier, author of "*Castel del Monte*," is a wonderfully exciting romance of Rome in the time of the German King Otto. The story is well told and the reader feels the atmosphere of Rome. The pages throb with plots and intrigue, brave deeds and foul treachery, passionate love and fierce ambition. The weird passages telling of monks in disguise, alluring phantom women, wanton reveling, dark caves, and subterranean passages make the book very unusual. The colored illustrations by The Kennys are especially attractive, and the page decorations, by P. Verburg, make this book a beautiful specimen of the bookmaker's art.

(Cloth, \$1.50. L. C. Page & Co., Boston, Mass.)

"*The Welding*," by Lafayette McLaws, author of "*When the Land Was Young*" and "*Maid of Athens*," is an extremely interesting historical novel. The author's Southern training and affiliations have given her unusual opportunities for the study of conditions in this section and she gives true pictures of Southern life before the war. Miss McLaws was born in Georgia, educated in Boston and after the death of her parents went to New York City to live with Mrs. Jefferson Davis, who looked upon her as her ward. The story touches the most important events of the days from '60-'65 and the description of the South Carolina Secession Convention is most interesting. The hero, a Georgian, educated by Alexander H. Stephens, has an eventful life, taking active part in the political life in Washington and later enlisting in the Confederate army. The author brings out the personalities of such men as Henry Clay, John Calhoun, Webster, Jefferson Davis, Alexander H. Stephens, Robert Toombs, President Buchanan, John Brown, Abraham Lincoln, Gen. Robert E. Lee and Gen. U. S. Grant. The book is full of romance and adventure and holds the reader's attention from beginning to end. The author shows that she understands her subject and is vitally interested in it. It is a book that would appeal to both North and South, as the historical incidents are stated as facts and the incidents of romance and adventure are interwoven in a most finished manner.

(Cloth, \$1.50. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, Mass.)

"*The Little Colonel's Knight Comes Riding*," by Annie Fellows Johnston, the author of the Little Colonel Series, is decidedly one of the most attractive books of the season. It is a book that will appeal to all ages and is so full of charm and refinement that it makes one feel better for the reading. The characters are real people, the scene is laid in Kentucky and the plot is interesting and well drawn. There is an atmosphere about the book that recommends it especially to young people. It is full of hearty romance and everyday life and happenings. The illustrations, by Ethelred Barry, are very attractive. In the book Miss Johnston has really surpassed all of her other stories which have made her so popular as a writer for boys and girls.

(Cloth, \$1.50. L. C. Page & Co., Boston, Mass.)

"The Minute Boys of South Carolina," by James Otis, is one of the Minute-Boys Series, belonging to the American History Stories for Boys, and is a story of "how we boys aided" "Marion, the Swamp Fox," as told by Rufus Randolph. Mr. Otis in his foreword states that the story is written from the pages of a packet of letters sent him by a Charleston gentleman after the publication of the "Minute Boys of the Mohawk Valley," these letters being written by Rufus Randolph, a distant relative of Francis and Gabriel Marion. This book is full of deeds of bravery and bold adventures. The Minute Boys are real soldiers and loyal sons of South Carolina. The fact that Marion is the hero and that the scenes are all laid in South Carolina appeal to many, and being a story founded on historical facts it is especially suited for young boys' reading. There are a number of good illustrations by J. M. Kennedy.

(Cloth, \$1.50. Dana, Estes & Co., Boston.)

"Billy's Princess," by Helen Eggleston Haskell, is an interesting story about a poor little boy who runs away to make his fortune and while working finds his princess. Their adventures are humorous and pathetic and told in a way to amuse young readers. The book is beautifully illustrated by Helen McC. Kennedy and would make any boy or girl happy. "Billy" is a fine, manly boy, and his ingenuity and courage would stimulate any boy in the right direction, while the princess is a real spoiled little girl with a great fondness for Billy.

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"The Red Feathers," by Theodore Roberts, is a group of Indian stories, a combination of fairy tale and Indian adventure laid in Newfoundland. The stories are weird and full of imagination, a curious mingling of fable and allegory. Mr. Roberts has succeeded in writing a fascinating story, full of poetic feeling, with the atmosphere of the woods and nature. The underlying motive that only goodness and truth can have any enduring strength, will appeal more strongly to older people, while the fantastic and weird adventures will attract children. The illustrations, by Charles Livingstone Bull, are very artistic and appropriate. This promises to be one of the most popular holiday books.

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"Venice on Foot," with the itinerary of the Grand Canal and several direct routes to useful places, by Hugh A. Douglas, is an interesting and useful guide-book for the traveler in Italy. This handy little volume has seventy-five illustrations and eleven maps, and describes the places of special interest and tells one exactly and definitely how he may visit them to the best advantage. The print is good, and the flexible cover makes the book easy to carry around. This book is popular rather than technical, and stimulates the traveler to further reading—it is meant as a guide.

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"When Kings Go Forth to Battle," by William Wallace Whitelock, now in its third edition, is a fascinating story of modern times. The scenes take place in a small German principality and the plot is wonderfully well drawn. The story is full of love and adventure and involves a thrilling change of rulers through the instrumentality of an American man and girls, strangers to each other, who become involved in the intrigue. "Eunice," the heroine, is a most attractive personality and the reader sympathizes with the hero in facing so many dangers with her. The action is rapid and the reader's attention is held from page to page. The illustrations in color, by Frank H. Desch, are unusually attractive.

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